

Conference Call of 6/28/01

IHLC Presentation

Stan made his presentation to the IHLC yesterday and the response seemed agreeable. He also spoke of the counts that would be coming in the reports soon to be posted to the web for Area review and about the upcoming re-export. After the presentation he had fruitful discussions with several people including Gary Hartz about the Access and Use Document. Linda Q. reported about an expected attempt from their office to meet with Gary Hartz about the re-export request going to the Areas from his office.

Unduplication

Karen is still waiting on feedback from Areas on the User Pop Analysis posted to the DQA Team website. Validy Automatch software has been purchased and received.

User Pops

We expect to publish FY99-FY01 workload reports soon on the NPIRS website for Area review and User Pop reports on NPIRS/DQA webpage for review by Team members. When the Team members are confident with the User Pop Reports, we will then move them to the NPIRS website.

NPIRS Access

Debra reported that a draft of the Access and Use Criteria document has been forwarded to Gary Hartz who is reviewing it with his team. She hopes to receive back by end of next week. **Task:** Edna to follow up with Gary Hartz end of week of 7/8 if we haven't heard back from him. **Task:** Joan to ask Joe Herrera how are views coming along for access and use policy and to let him know that the document is close to getting approved for implementation.

Data Warehouse

Stephanie has communicated with the 3 pilot areas concerning expectations of them for the pilot. Albuquerque has agreed and Phoenix is expected to agree, they just haven't formally done so yet. Stephanie will meet with Betsy Miller daily and has received a comprehensive list of all fields from Betsy for review. We will have a full statistical record with codes etc., but only so far as we get that data on the exports; it may not be full in this pilot. Everything sent will be stored in the DB2 database. We want everything in pilot (including coding) because we're doing the pilot as a design that serves as the structural foundation for the full warehouse. We want to include all known calculations, transformations, etc., even though they represent a lot more ETL than just those necessary for workload and user pops, realizing that over the years we'll be adding more as they become known.

Task: Stephanie will focus on identifying the number and kind of exports we'll be dealing with in the pilot. Stephanie will review and recommend which ones she believes we should include. (Current export format, no old formats.) Direct export selection at this point is Penobscott –

Stephanie is beginning to initiate contact. Can't work with all directs, but can select a sampling that represents the diversity. Each one will require a script. Stephanie to involve Melvin in the scripting necessary to support handling direct exports in the pilot: this will facilitate knowledge transfer. We may need to go one or more directs other than the two in the Nashville Area.

Stephanie and Betsy Miller working on a decision log that includes research results and recommendations that lead to decisions and signoff with dated entries. Community of Residence value used on the User Pops is taken from the current value in the visit table – patient information will be date-time stamped to enable linking to demographic information and will be updated with data-time stamping. In RPMS, Community of Residence during re-export will include the Patch 13 modification that enables local corrections to this field. **Task:** Joan go offline with Patricia and Stephanie to make sure modifications to Pt Reg are coordinated between Patricia/Toni/Ross with Shirley/Walt. Stephanie and Joan need to make sure the appropriate parties are talking and being coordinated for the export modifications.

Joan has prepared correspondence, now under review, from discussions this week with IBM and SAS which describes the division of the ETL processing into stages and delineates where we want to compare technologies. We will meet during the Tech Conference with IBM and SAS to discuss the different approaches proposed and, if possible, decide how each is to be implemented in the pilot.

Other

Stan is on vacation next week, back 7/8.

IBM data modeling intensive input time with IHS people, scheduled in plan for week of 7/8-13, needs to be shifted to another week because of the IHS/ITSC Tech Conference during that week.

Conference call next week on Wednesday as scheduled.